Governance Committee
Minutes
November 17, 2005

Present

Suzanne Gries (Committee Chair), Alicia McRae, Michael Raymond, Sara McQueed, Patty McDonald, Sherrie Brown, George Walker, and Lou Colwell

Staff

Ed Holen, Linda Walling

Adjustments to the Agenda

Add discussion on paying stipends to non-agency Council members to the end of the agenda.

Policy 113 Early Intervention Services in Natural Environments

Lou redrafted the policy to make it more current with the DD Bill of Rights and the IDEA Acts. The Committee reviewed the changes and recommended that it be brought to the full Council for a vote.

Motion: To bring to the full Council for approval. Mike R. moved and Sara seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Policy 405 Council Meeting Structure and Policy 403 Council Agenda Policy

The Committee reviewed the existing policies and discussed if these policies were needed. They would like the following changes to the policies:

Policy 405

"Other meeting schedules may occur at the discretion of the Council/Chair/staff" will be added to the first paragraph.
Removal of the second paragraph

Policy 403

Remove the "Typical meeting agenda" information and place in the Council member handbook.

Ed will redraft the policies and bring to the January Committee meeting.

Stipends to non-agency Council members

Ed stated the question regarding paying stipends to non-state agency Council members has come up. In order to do so a policy would be needed. The Committee reviewed the required tasks, estimated annual costs involved and the charter.

The Committee was concerned that receiving a stipend would income. They want to look into could it be an option to receive or not? Also, that anyone receiving a stipend could have it affect other benefits that they receive.

Ed will gather more information and bring to the January meeting.

Report to the Council

Vote on policy 113.

January Agenda

Review policies 405 & 403
Stipends to non-agency Council members
State Agency for Council - update